GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:622
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VIOLATION OF BUILDING BYE LAWS BY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE CAPITAL
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.3537 dated December 11, 2001 and state:

(a) the details of action initiated by the Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairs against twelve diplomaticmissions wherein constructions in deviation of building by-laws were detected by the NDMC; and

(b) the reasons for not demolishing the said illegal constructions by the NDMC?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a): The Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairshas stated that whenever violation of Building Bye-laws was brought to their notice by NDMC, the matter was takenup with the respective missions. Missions response was conveyed to NDMC. Missionswere also informed through a Note Verbale about the Unified Building Bye-laws.

(b): Ministry of External Affairs has stated that as per Article 22 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961, to which India is a signatory, `the premises of the Mission shall be inviolable, the Agents of the receiving State may not enter them except with the consent of the head of the Mission. The receiving State is under a special duty to take all appropriate steps to protect the premises of the Mission against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the Mission or impairment of its dignity. The premises of the Mission, their furnishings and other property thereon and the means of transport of the Mission shall be immune from search, requision, attachment or execution`.